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Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

We have been asked by the Deputy Archivist of the United States to respond directly to you regarding three documents from the Records of the Warren Commission previously denied to you by the National Archives, subsequently appealed by you. These documents have been reviewed by CIA officers in light of their CIA origin with the following determinations made:

a. The letter of 2 October 1967 from Karamessines to Bahmer has been approved for release in its entirety and is enclosed herewith.

b. The letter of 22 December 1972 from Houston to Rhoads was previously released in sanitized form to a Government Operations subcommittee of the House of Representatives, and is provided herewith in that same sanitized form. Those portions deleted are covered by exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3) of the Freedom of Information Act as amended.

c. The letter of 20 May 1975 from CIA's Freedom of Information Coordinator to the Archivist of the United States is denied release in its entirety under exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3) of the FOIA.

The applicability of the Freedom of Information Act subsections cited above is explained as follows:

(b)(1) applies to material which is properly classified pursuant to Section 1 of Executive Order 11652, and is exempt under Section 5(B) of the same Order;

(b)(3) applies to the Director's statutory obliga-

tions to protect from disclosure intelligence sources and methods, as well as the organization, functions, names, official titles, salaries or numbers of personnel employed by the Agency, in accord with the National Security Act of 1947 and the CIA Act of 1949, respectively.

The CIA official making the above decisions to deny in whole or in part is Mr. Charles A. Briggs, Chief of Services Staff. Although it is recognized that these documents were already under appeal in your request to the National Archives, you retain the option of appeal on these three documents to the Agency's Information Review Committee. If you should choose to appeal, your communication with the Committee should be via the undersigned.

Sincerely,

Gene F. Wilson

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Information and Privacy Coordinator

Enclosures: (2)